

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 01/05/2009, has been entered.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11-13, 17, 19, 20, 22-25 and 38 are pending.

Claims 2, 5, 10, 14-16, 18, 21, and 26-37 have been canceled previously.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Upon reconsideration of applicant's amended claims, filed 01/05/2009, which comprise "selecting an anti-PSGL-1 antibody based on its ability both to bind specifically to PSGL-1 and to induce apoptosis of activated T cells";

the prior art rejections under 35 USC 102(b)(e) and 103(a) have been withdrawn.

The prior art does not appear to suggest "selecting an anti-PSGL-1 antibody based on its ability both to bind specifically to PSGL-1 and to induce apoptosis of activated T cells".

In turn, the claimed methods appear to be free of the prior art.

Accordingly the instant claims are deemed allowable.

Given the allowability of the instant claims and in the interest of compact prosecution, the election of species has been extended to withdrawn claims 7-9.

In addition, applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed 01/29/2009, providing a copy of an Office Action from copending USSN 10/662,906 is acknowledged and considered. No 1449 has been filed with respect to this submission.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on (571) 272-0878.

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